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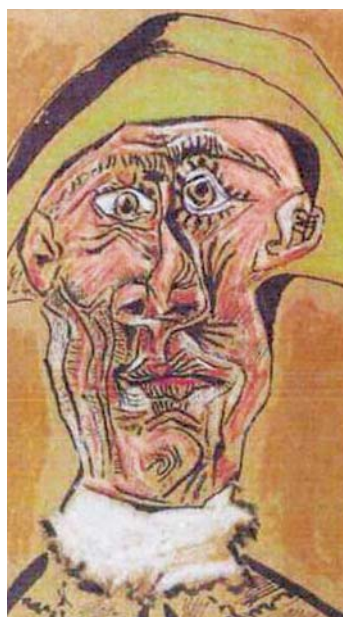
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Sales Surge for 'My Bratwurst Is Bigger Than Yours' T-Shirts

Two western Wisconsin communities are disputing who gets bragging rights to the biggest bratwurst. Last week, Prescott, Wis., set the world record for its bratwurst, at 52 feet, 2 inches. People in Dallas, Wis., said at this year's Oktoberfest that they grilled a 135-foot-long one. But Dallas didn't get the official record because it didn't use a bun and didn't pay the \$1,900 fee to the World Record Academy in Florida. (AP)

"Dressing up in my costume, as Batman, is my way of saying that it's not up to the government to save us."

— MARK WAYNE WILLIAMS, OF PETOSKEY, MICH., WHO WAS ARRESTED SEPT. 29 FOR RESISTING AND OBSTRUCTING POLICE IN AN INVESTIGATION WHILE DRESSED AS BATMAN. HE FACES CHARGES THURSDAY, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED.

CONTESTS

The Swarovski-Encrusted Camouflage Costs Extra

An Iowa jeweler is offering free rifles for husbands-to-be who spend at least \$1,999 on an engagement ring at his store through October. KCRG reported Tuesday that North Liberty jeweler Harold van Beek said he wanted to "do something for the boy who doesn't like to hunt for diamonds but likes to hunt for deer." (AP)

The Big Picture



MY COMMUTE TAKES LONGER NOW: People view "Traffic," a work of art by French artist Theo Mercier, on Monday in Lille, France. The display is part of the Lille Fantastic Festival, which features exhibits and events through Jan. 13.

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On Libya, Clinton Shields Obama

Critics argue she shouldn't take blame for security lapses

Lima, Peru

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton repeated on Tuesday her statement taking sole responsibility for security at all of America's diplomatic missions, an attempt to clear a political obstacle for her boss, President Barack Obama, ahead of his second debate with Republican Mitt Romney.

"I take responsibility," Clinton said in a written statement. "I'm in charge of the State Department's 60,000-plus people all over the world [at] 275 posts."

She would not answer questions on the statement.

With only weeks before the presidential election, outrage has crystallized around Vice President Joe Biden's claim in last week's debate with Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan that "we weren't told" about requests for extra security at the consulate where assailants killed U.S. Ambassador Chris



In a speech Monday night in Lima, Peru, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton takes responsibility for security at the U.S. Consulate in Libya after a deadly attack.

Backstory

Initial reports indicated the violent attack in Benghazi was one of a number of demonstrations in several Muslim countries over a U.S. film that denigrated the Prophet Muhammad. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, said in the days after the event that there was no indication of a planned attack. Within days, the White House said new findings indicated the attack was intentional and coordinated. Three separate investigations into the attack are being conducted: an FBI probe into the deaths of the four Americans, an independent inquiry by a panel appointed by Clinton and the congressional hearings. (AP)

Stevens and three other Americans.

Congressional hearings revealed that the State Department was aware of, and rejected, several requests for increased security in Benghazi. Spokesmen for both the State Department and the White House took pains Friday to make clear that Biden's "we" referred to the White House, where such requests would not go.

Clinton backed up Biden's assertion. "The president and the vice president certainly wouldn't be knowledgeable about specific decisions that are made by security professionals," she said Monday.

Republican senators said Clinton's claim was "a laudable gesture," but they put the responsibility for the attack and the "escalating pattern of attacks this year in Benghazi" squarely on Obama and his national security team.

"I think it's very laudable that she should throw herself under the bus," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Tuesday. "But first of all, responsibility for American security doesn't lie with the secretary of state. It lies with the president of the United States." MATTHEW LEE (AP)

In Brief

NEW YORK

Vikram Pandit Resigns As CEO of Citigroup



Pandit

Vikram Pandit abruptly stepped down as CEO of Citigroup on Tuesday, shocking Wall Street after steering the bank through the 2008 financial crisis and the choppy years that followed. Pandit's replacement is Michael Corbat, who had been CEO of Citigroup's Europe, Middle East and Africa division. (AP)

BOSTON

Lawmakers: Justice Dept. Should Probe Pharmacy

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., asked the Justice Department on Tuesday to investigate whether the New England Compounding Center, the company linked to a meningitis outbreak, violated federal laws or regulations. The outbreak has killed 16 and sickened 233. (AP)

Presidential Debate

Coverage of the second presidential debate at Hofstra University was not available at Express' deadline. For post-debate analysis, visit washingtonpost.com.



Hot Neighbor: Astronomers say that just outside our solar system they've found an Earth-like planet circling a star four light-years away. In research released online Tuesday in the journal *Nature*, scientists say the planet flies around its parent star 10 times closer than Mercury orbits the sun and is so hot its surface may be like molten lava. It was found in the star system Alpha Centauri B right next door — 25 trillion miles away. (AP)



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Social Security Benefits To Increase 1.7 Percent

Washington

More than 56 million Social Security recipients will see their monthly payments go up by 1.7 percent next year.

The increase, which starts in January, is tied to a measure of inflation released Tuesday by the Social Security Administration. It shows that inflation has been relatively low over the past year, resulting in one of the smallest increases in Social Security payments since automatic adjustments were adopted in 1975.

Social Security payments average \$1,131 a month, or \$13,572 a year. A 1.7 percent increase amounts to a \$19 increase each month, or about \$230 a year, on average. Social Security recipients received a 3.6 percent increase in benefits this year after getting none the previous two years.

About 8 million people who receive Supplemental Security Income also will receive the cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA.

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Much of the 1.7 percent increase in benefits could get wiped out by higher Medicare Part B premiums, which are deducted from Social Security payments. Those are expected to rise by about \$7 per month for 2013, according to government projections. (AP)

Final Respects for Arlen Specter



JOAN SPECTER, left, hugs a woman as they leave Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, Pa., on Tuesday after funeral services for Specter's husband, former U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. Friends and former colleagues, including Vice President Joe Biden, memorialized Specter, who died Sunday at the age of 82.

High Court OKs Early Voting For All in Ohio

Columbus, Ohio

The Supreme Court delivered a victory to President Barack Obama's re-election campaign Tuesday, saying it would not stay a lower court's ruling that all voters be allowed to vote in the three days before the Nov. 6 election.

The move came after the justices denied a bid by the state's Republican Secretary of State Jon Husted to limit the early voting the weekend before the Nov. 6 election to members of the military.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



Props From Perot: Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has picked up the backing of former independent presidential candidate H. Ross Perot. "We can't afford four more years in which debt mushrooms out of control, our government grows and our military is weakened," Perot wrote in an editorial announcing his endorsement Tuesday in the Des Moines Register. (AP)

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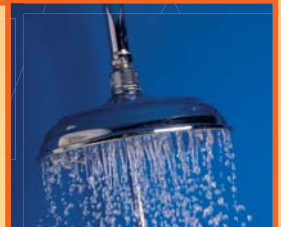
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In Brief

CAIRO

Court: Constitution Draft Curbs Judicial Mandate

Egypt's highest court lashed out Tuesday at an Islamist-led panel tasked with writing the country's new constitution, saying that some provisions proposed for the text undercut the court's mandate and keep it under the president's power. The country is still haggling over disputed articles in the charter. (AP)

TUNIS, TUNISIA

5 Men Set Shrine on Fire

Five masked men on Tuesday stormed into a 500-year-old shrine to a female Muslim saint that had previously been threatened by religious conservatives and set it on fire, the Interior Ministry said. Hard-line Islamists are suspected in the attack on the shrine of Sayyeda Aicha Manoubia, a 13th-century holy woman, near the capital of Tunis. (AP)

Massive Heist at Dutch Museum

Thieves walk off with works worth hundreds of millions

Amsterdam

Thieves broke into a Rotterdam museum Tuesday and walked off with works from the likes of Picasso, Monet, Gauguin and Matisse potentially worth hundreds of millions of euros.

Police haven't said how criminals pulled off the early hours heist, but an expert who tracks stolen art said the thieves clearly knew what they were after.

"Those thieves got one hell of a haul," said Chris Marinello, who directs the Art Loss Register.

The heist at the Kunsthal museum is one of the largest in years in the Netherlands and is a blow for the private Triton Foundation col-



What Was Taken?

Thieves on Tuesday grabbed works on display for the 20th anniversary of the Netherlands' Kunsthal museum. Among the art taken: Claude Monet's 1901 "Waterloo Bridge, London," above; as well as pieces by Henri Matisse, Paul Gauguin, Meyer de Haan, Lucian Freud and Pablo Picasso. (AP)

lection, which was being exhibited publicly as a group for the first time.

"It's every museum director's worst nightmare," said Kunsthal director Emily Ansenk, who had

been in Istanbul on business but returned immediately.

She declined to reveal any details of how the thieves got in and out with the paintings or how the museum is protected, other than describing its security as "state of the art" and "functional."

Willem van Hassel, the museum's chairman, said its security systems are automated and do not use guards on site.

Police arrived at the scene five minutes after an alarm was triggered, he said.

The Art Loss Register's Marinello said the items taken could be worth "hundreds of millions of euros" if sold legally at auction, but the thieves have limited options. They may try to seek a ransom. They could also conceivably sell the paintings in the criminal market — but only for a fraction of their value. TOBY STERLING (AP)

Famous Thefts

1911 Leonardo da Vinci's enigmatic Mona Lisa is taken — brazenly — from Paris' Louvre museum. It took two years to discover the thief: a Louvre employee.

1990 Two thieves in police uniforms fool staff at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston to pull off the biggest art theft in U.S. history, nabbing \$300 million in art. The paintings were never found.

2008 Three men in ski masks enter the Buehrle museum in Zurich. One uses a pistol to force museum personnel to the floor while the others take \$163 million of art in one of the biggest heists in Europe.

2010 A masked intruder at Paris' Museum of Modern Art steals masterpieces worth \$123 million. The case is unsolved. (AP)

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World

Cuba to Lift Travel Restrictions

Officials: Citizens will no longer need exit visas to leave

Havana

The Cuban government announced Tuesday that it will eliminate a half-century-old restriction that requires citizens to get an exit visa to leave the country.

The decree, which takes effect Jan. 14, will eliminate a much-loathed procedure that has kept many Cubans from traveling or moving abroad.

"These measures are truly substantial and profound," said Col. Lamberto Fraga, Cuba's deputy chief of immigration. "What we are doing is not just cosmetic."

Under the measure announced

Backstory

Cuban President Raul Castro has overseen the implementation of a five-year plan for reforms, which already led to the legalization of home and car sales and a big increase in the number of Cubans owning private businesses. Tuesday's announcement that the government would drop its exit visa requirement for citizens is the most significant advance made by Castro's administration this year. (AP)

in the Communist Party daily Granma, islanders will only have to show their passport and a visa from the country they are traveling to.

On the streets of Havana, the news was met with a mixture of delight and astonishment.

"No! Wow, how great!" said Mercedes Delgado, 73, when told of the news. "Citizens' rights are being restored."

Migration is a highly politicized issue in Cuba and beyond. Gran-

ma published an editorial blaming the restrictions imposed in 1961 on U.S. attempts to topple the island's government, plant spies and recruit its best-educated citizens.

The new decree still imposes limits on travel: Cubans cannot obtain a passport or travel abroad without permission if they face criminal charges, if the trip affects national security or if their departure would affect efforts to keep qualified labor in the country. (AP)

Hospital: Girl Shot by Taliban Is Doing Well

London

A teenage Pakistani girl shot in the head by the Taliban for promoting girls' education has responded well to treatment and impressed doctors with her strength, the British hospital where she was being treated said Tuesday.

Experts are optimistic that 14-year-old Malala Yousufzai, who was airlifted Monday to Britain to receive specialized medical care, has a good chance of recovery.

There was concern for the teenager's safety Tuesday when police stopped and questioned two people who tried to visit Malala, but officials and police stressed there was no threat to the girl's safety. (AP)

No End in Sight for Syria's War



TAUSEEF MUSTAFA/AP/GETTY IMAGES

A REBEL FIGHTER SPEEDS along the outskirts of Aleppo, Syria, on Tuesday. The Syrian military unleashed heavy airstrikes and artillery bombardments targeting rebel strongholds in the northern provinces of Idlib and Aleppo on Tuesday, killing at least 90 people, according to activists.

\$1B The amount of money linked to four Arab Spring rulers that Switzerland has frozen, a senior government official announced Tuesday. Since early 2011, the Swiss government has seized assets tied to rulers in Syria, Libya, Tunisia and Egypt, including \$751 million stashed away by former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak and his aides, said M. Valentin Zellweger, head of the Swiss foreign ministry's international law department. (AP)

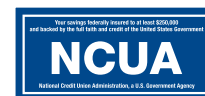
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Train Strikes, Kills Man

Metro says incident at Farragut North appears to be suicide

Washington

A 24-year-old man was struck and killed by a train heading to Shady Grove shortly before 11 a.m. at the Farragut North station Tuesday.

The man appears to have intentionally jumped in front of the train, according to Metro.

Red Line trains briefly skipped the Farragut North station after the incident.

Trains also temporarily shared a track on the Orange and Blue

lines between McPherson Square and Foggy Bottom as a result of the situation at Farragut North. That single-tracking began at 11:50 a.m. and ended shortly after 12:20 p.m., according to Metro. This was because officials had to cut power on a short stretch of the lines to let emergency responders access the tracks.

There is a physical connection among the Red, Orange and Blue lines in that area, so cutting the power on that stretch of the Red Line means cutting it on the Orange and Blue lines as well.

The situation at Farragut North also created delays on the roads around the station. Connecticut

How to Help

Metro began rolling out a long-discussed suicide-prevention program last month and has been training rail operators and station managers on how to identify suicidal behavior. Metro's suicide hotline is posted on the signs: 1-855-320-LIFE. (TWP)

Avenue NW was closed between L and K streets NW before reopening shortly before 1 p.m., according to the D.C. police.

Since the beginning of 2009, 34 people have deliberately jumped in front of Metro trains; 27 died.

MARK BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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D.C. Council Sued Over Emails

Group: Work-related messages should be made public record

Washington

The D.C. Council is refusing to share work-related emails sent or received by its members on personal accounts, prompting a group of transparency advocates to chal-

lenge that policy in court. The D.C. Open Government Coalition asked a Superior Court judge Tuesday to force the council to make such emails public, claiming its current policy runs contrary to the D.C. Freedom of Information Act. James A. McLaughlin, a co-chairman of the coalition's legal committee and associate counsel for The Washington Post, said

the council's position represents a "massive loophole" in D.C.'s public-records laws. "Effectively, the public has no ability to know what its public officials are doing," he said. "FOIA could easily be circumvented in its entirety with regard to email communications, which are some of the most important public records that are generated in government today."

(McLaughlin represents the Post's interests on the board, but the Post has no formal role with the organization.) The use of personal accounts to transact official business is common on the council, the coalition said. The lawsuit notes "one Councilmember in particular is known to use a 'gmail' account almost exclusively for Council business." MIKE DEBONIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Meanwhile ...

Drivers caught on camera racing up to 20 mph in excess of the speed limit, running red lights or failing to stop for pedestrians could see fines capped at \$50 in the District under legislation proposed in the D.C. Council on Tuesday. (TWP)

'Million Puppet March' Set for D.C.

Washington

Raise your furry fists in protest: The Muppets are not going quietly into the night. What do they want? Public broadcasting funding! When do they want it? Now! Nearly 1,000 people have RSVP'd through Facebook for a Nov. 3 "Million Puppet March," which will advocate for the importance of funding public broadcasting three days before the election. The march is in response to GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney's remarks about cutting PBS loose if he were elected.



Nearly 1,000 people have RSVP'd through Facebook for the "Million Puppet March."

animation executive, and Chris Mecham, an Idaho student, who came up with the idea separately and joined forces, according to Reuters. "It does seem like we might get

close to the biggest ever assemblage of puppets in one place," Bellavia said to Reuters, "and probably the most ever puppets marching on Washington." MAURA JUDKIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Oct. 16

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-2-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	5-3-4
Mid-day DC 4	4-6-9-9
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	0-9-4-5
Mid-day D.C. Five	5-3-4-1-9
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	7-5-7-2-9

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	7-7-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-0-8
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-8-0
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	7-9-4-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	7-13-21-27-33
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	2-6-9-17-26

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	8-1-2
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	2-3-5
Mid-day Pick 4	9-7-5-0
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	0-7-3-3
Match 5 (Mon.)	1-10-36-38-39 (34)



Voices of the Past: First-person accounts from the Civil War are being brought to life in a new blog that will feature the voices of Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and others. The Library of Congress announced Tuesday that it will launch the blog from diaries, letters and other writings pulled from its collection. It will chronicle the sacrifices and accomplishments of both North and South to accompany a major new exhibit, "The Civil War in America." Both will open Nov. 12. (AP)

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The amount the presidential campaigns and independent groups will have spent on TV ads this year by Nov. 6. (AP)



Ad Nauseam

Voters are growing sick of the political commercials filling up their TV screens

Orlando, Fla.

Is there any escape from all those political ads in the most hotly contested states in the three weeks before the presidential election?

The TV ads come in rapid succession and at all hours — in the middle of newscasts, soap operas and talk shows. They cover everything from jobs to education to trust, and they're sharply negative.

It's all enough to turn off voters, leaving them frustrated and annoyed.

"It's just way too much," says Scot French, a history professor at the University of Central Florida. He lives along the swing-voting Interstate 4 corri-

\$150M

The amount spent by both campaigns in Florida, making it the biggest ad battleground. In the first week of October, \$1 of every \$4 spent by the Obama campaign on broadcast advertising went to Florida; for the Romney-backed American Crossroads super PAC and its affiliate, Crossroads GPS, nearly \$1 of every \$3 was spent there. (AP/TWP)

dor that will play an important role in deciding whether President Barack Obama or Mitt Romney wins the state, and perhaps the White House.

French is quick to criticize both political parties, calling the home-stretch advertising deluge "a game of sowing confusion among those who are confusable."

This is the risk facing the candidates and their allies as they spend vast sums of money before the Nov. 6 vote. It's a risk that both sides are willing to take, given that polls show the race remains close nationally and in the most competitive states such as Florida.

At least some voters tuned out long ago. In interviews last week, many cited the negativity and lack of specifics in the commercials; others said they had already decided which candidate to support.

Indeed, many of the commercials at this late stage are aimed at those voters who have not yet locked in on

Airwave War

Since the Republican convention in late August, President Barack Obama's side has run 28 percent more ads than Mitt Romney and all the groups behind him combined, according to estimates from Kantar Media/CMAG. Democrats spent slightly more than Republicans during that time, taking advantage of rules mandating cheaper ad time for campaigns and also seeking out less-expensive airtime. But Romney and GOP groups are now flooding the airwaves in force, spending about 50 percent more on ads than Obama last week, according to tracking data. Ad purchases in the presidential race doubled or in some cases tripled in such swing states as Colorado, Florida, Iowa and Virginia during the first week of October, data show. The surge comes at an ideal time for Romney, who is now even or ahead of Obama in many national and swing-state polls. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"You could buy votes for what they're spending, and it would probably have more impact."

— DIANA MUTZ, A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, DISCUSSING THE AMOUNT BEING SPENT ON CAMPAIGN ADS IN A RECENT NEW YORK TIMES INTERVIEW

their selection. The target audience includes people such as Felicity Rusnak, a stay-at-home mom from Orlando. But Rusnak, 40, says she will rely on other sources of information to make up her mind.

"The ads I just find entertaining," Rusnak said. "The debates and what I read about are going to affect my decision. I need to know where the candidates stand."

Adding Up

On Tuesday, the Mitt Romney-backing American Crossroads super PAC launched an \$11.1 million television ad campaign aimed at women, which will run for a week in eight closely contested states. The group and its affiliated nonprofit, Crossroads GPS, plan to spend \$300 million to influence elections this year. (AP)

There's no doubt that TV advertising has the power to shift voter perceptions, particularly when a candidate is not well known. Romney prevailed in the Republican primaries after he and his allies buried his two main rivals with negative advertising in early voting states. Obama's team tagged Romney as a ruthless corporate raider with a flood of negative advertising in the early stages of the general election. The ads may have shaped perceptions in states such as Ohio, where Obama has held a narrow lead in polling for weeks.

Even so, the unprecedented level of spending this year on ads hasn't changed many minds, according to one analyst.

"There's not much bang for the buck," says John Geer, a political science professor at Vanderbilt University. "The public is pretty much set on who they will vote for and only a tiny slice is up for grabs."

That was the finding of his YouGov Ad Rating project, which screens political commercials with a representative sample of 600 voters. Few ads, he said, really "move the dials." BETH FOUHY (AP)

Sports

In Brief



Mike Holmgren will retire as Browns president at the end of the season.

PRO FOOTBALL

New Browns Owners In, Holmgren Out as Top Dog

The sale of the Cleveland Browns to Jimmy Haslam III was unanimously approved by NFL owners Tuesday, and team president Mike Holmgren will leave at the end of the season. Haslam hired former Eagles executive Joe Banner as CEO of the Browns to replace Holmgren. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Eagles Fire Assistant

Consecutive blown fourth-quarter leads have cost Juan Castillo his job as the Philadelphia Eagles' defensive coordinator. Castillo, who this year surprisingly switched to defense after 13 seasons coaching the offensive linemen, was fired Tuesday and replaced by secondary coach Todd Bowles. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Makes New Offer

The NHL has made a new offer to the players' association that proposes a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenue and a full 82-game season starting Nov. 2. As talks to end the league's lockout resumed Tuesday, Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the offer, which is designed to get a quick response from the players' association. (AP)

COLLEGE SPORTS

Penn State to Sever Ties With Embattled AD

Penn State will not renew the contract of athletic director Tim Curley, who has been on leave since being charged last year with perjury and failing to report a child sex-abuse allegation against Jerry Sandusky. (AP)



Total Domination

What made the Giants' win Sunday so impressive was the nature of it. Many felt the Giants could give San Francisco a game, but the one-sided win was totally unexpected. Jim Harbaugh's 49ers were coming off two lopsided wins, a 34-0 trouncing of the Jets and a 45-3 decision over Buffalo in a contest where Alex Smith and company gained a franchise record 621 yards. The Giants, whose defense had been inconsistent all season, held the 49ers to a field goal and intercepted Smith three times. Eli Manning and the offense didn't turn the ball over, and **Ahmad Bradshaw** gained 116 of New York's 149 yards on the ground and also reached the end zone. (AP)

Still Standing Tall

Giants reaffirm their status in NFL's elite after a slow start

Pro Football

Despite being the defending Super Bowl champions, the New York Giants have managed to fly under the radar most of the season.

In the preseason, they were overshadowed in their own area by Tim Tebow and the quarterback hoopla with the New York Jets.

A nationally televised season-opening loss to the Dallas Cowboys turned off more people. And a nationally televised Sunday night setback to the Philadelphia Eagles that dropped them to 0-2 in the NFC East left many wondering whether this team would even be a playoff team.

Well, guess again.

The Giants (4-2) are not only back, the target on their backs may be even bigger after a dominating 26-3 win Sunday over the San Francisco 49ers, a team that many felt were the Super Bowl

favorite in the NFC.

At the least, the Giants made an enormous statement to every other NFL contender: Don't ignore them.

"There's no doubt," linebacker Michael Boley said. "I think we feel that once we put everything together, offense, defense and special teams, that's something that is going to be tough for teams to beat us. We kind of put everything together [Sunday], and we showed that we're a team to be reckoned with."

Coupled with the Eagles' loss at home to Detroit, the Giants will head into Sunday's game against the Redskins (3-3) with a one-game lead in the division.

Don't expect a letdown though.

Washington is coming off a 38-26 win over Minnesota, and

"You just know you are going to get everybody's best, and that's all there is to it."

— GIANTS COACH TOM COUGHLIN, ON THE CHALLENGES OF BEING THE DEFENDING SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

the Giants are bound to be wary of rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III, who ran for 138 yards and a touchdown and threw for an additional 182 yards and another score.

If that isn't enough, the Giants remember, the Redskins beat them twice last season without RGIII. "I try not to remember," Boley said of last year's games. "We didn't real-

ly play well either of those games."

Boley said that this week will be an opportunity to get going again, something the Giants did late last season in winning their final six games en route to capturing their second Super Bowl in five seasons.

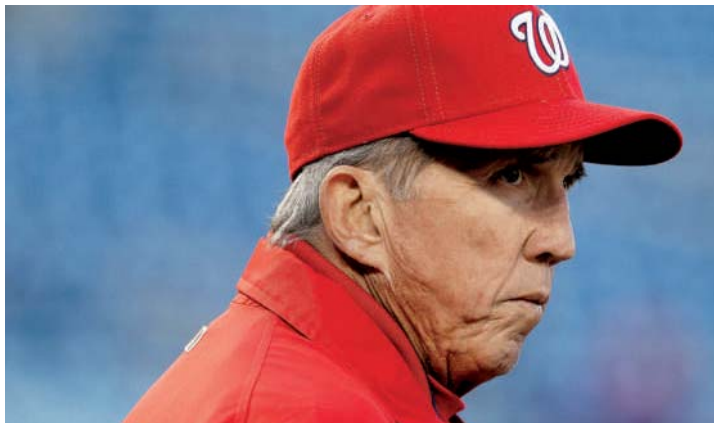
"We know we're 4-2 right now, but for us to come in, starting with this week, and get a division win is a step closer for us to put ourselves in position to get to the postseason," he said.

Coach Tom Coughlin wasn't sure whether the win would make opponents put a bigger target on the Giants' back or not. After all, off a Super Bowl win, they already had one there. "I don't know how it can be any bigger," Coughlin said. "You just know you are going to get everybody's best, and that's all there is to it, and you look forward to it. It creates greater challenges — week in and week out — to be at your best." TOM CANAVAN (AP)



Redskins Running Strong: With their 183-yard rushing performance last Sunday, the Redskins extended their streak of producing at least 125 yards in a game to eight, dating back to the 2011 season. In the first six games of this season, the Redskins — who play the Giants on Sunday — have compiled 996 rushing yards, the second-most in the NFL this season behind San Francisco (1,061 yards). That's the most prolific six-game output of the Mike Shanahan era in D.C. Washington's 11 rushing touchdowns rank first in the league, with New England trailing with 10. (TWP)

Sports



PABLO MARTINEZ/AP

Davey Johnson has no regrets about his calls in the Nats' Game 5 loss to St. Louis.

Nats Manager Not Looking Back

After season's bitter end, Johnson eyes 'unfinished business'

The Nationals

On Tuesday afternoon, Nationals manager Davey Johnson felt more like himself. His back was feeling better, he replaced the air conditioning at his home in Winter Park, Fla., and he planned to play golf Wednesday. "I'm fine," Johnson said.

Johnson, 69, also remained true to his defiant nature. Second-guess him if you want, he said. He couldn't care less. He defended his decisions in the Nationals' Game 5 collapse against the St. Louis Cardinals and said he wants to come back next season, motivated to complete what he started this season.

"I think I've accomplished what was needed to this point," Johnson said. "Is there some unfinished business? Yeah, there's some unfinished business."

In a phone interview, Johnson said he is confident — days after the Cardinals mounted the largest comeback in a deciding game

Ready to Return

Davey Johnson wants to return to the Nationals next season. He and GM Mike Rizzo have already talked; the decision will ultimately come down to approval by ownership. Johnson is under contract with the Nats as an adviser for next year, but his contract would have to be reworked for him to come back as the manager. Rizzo has said he wants Johnson back, so barring unforeseen intervention from ownership, he should be back. (TWP)

— that he made the proper decisions. "Any manager in baseball, they will tell you, if you can get to your closer with a lead, you've done good," Johnson said. "I don't give a rat's ass what anybody else thinks."

Despite the bitter finish, the skipper did not want to let the team's 98-win season and NL East title go unnoticed. "I was not happy with how it finished out," Johnson said. "I told the guys after the game, I said I'm proud of them, period. I talked to [closer Drew] Storen: 'Don't beat yourself up too bad.'"

ADAM KILGORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"If we'd have won a World Series, I might have pulled a La Russa."

— NATS MANAGER DAVEY JOHNSON, REFERRING TO TONY LA RUSSA, THE CARDINALS MANAGER WHO RETIRED AFTER WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2011

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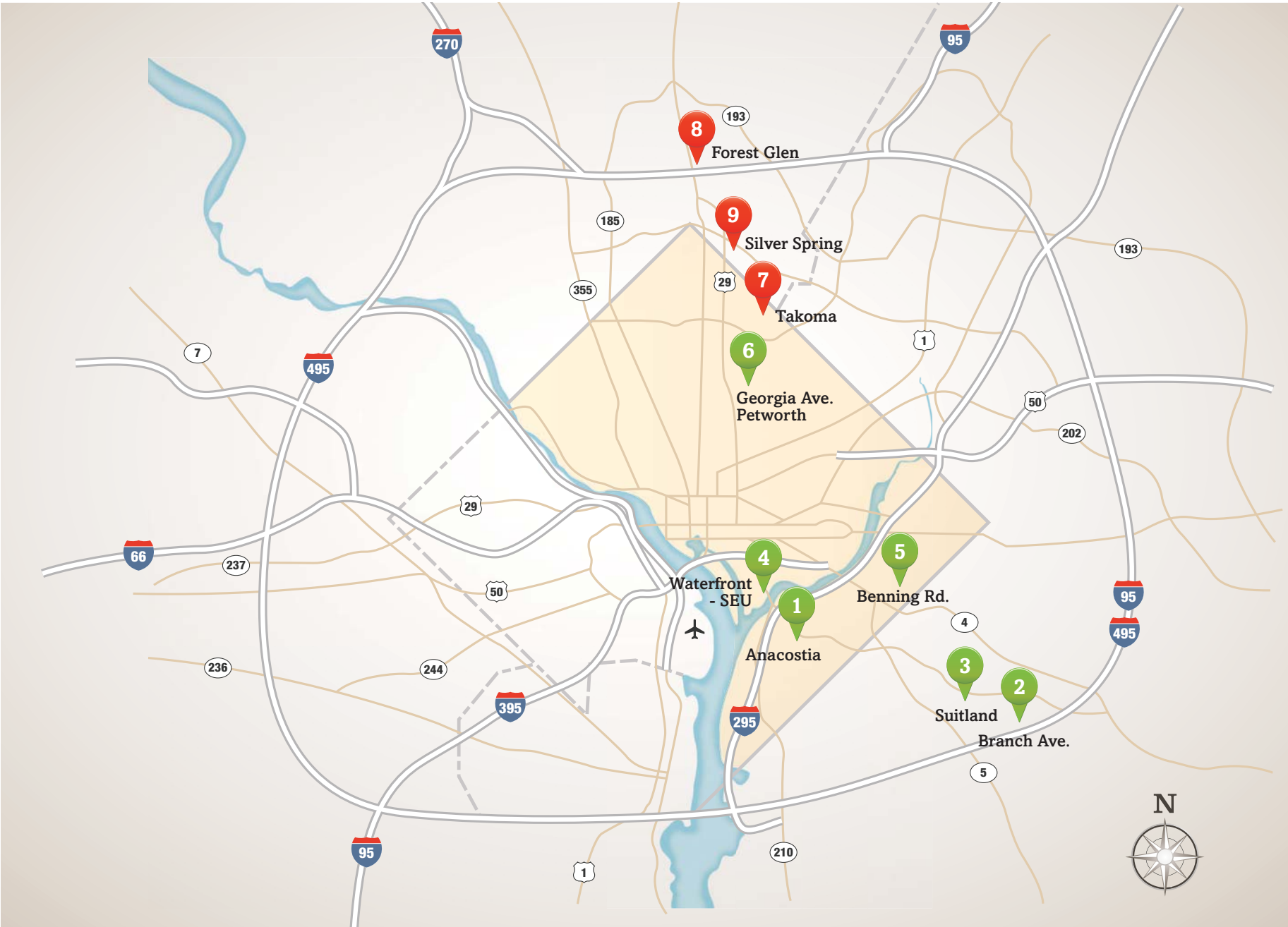
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Sports

UVa. Is Missing Points This Year

Big yardage isn't adding up to scores or wins for Cavaliers

Cavs Football

Virginia's offensive problems are found in the numbers.

The Cavaliers (2-5, 0-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) averaged nearly 500 yards over the past three games, a figure that would rank in the top 20 nationally over a full season. They lost all three.

There have been defensive and special teams breakdowns that contributed to all three losses, but for all the yards the offense is putting up, it averaged just 25 points in those games. That figure would rank 84th in the nation.

How to make the yardage translate into more points remains a focus and source of frustration for coach Mike London and his team as it prepares to face Wake Forest (3-3, 1-3) this weekend.

"It's very frustrating," said quarterback Phillip Sims, who made his second start last Saturday in the Cavaliers' fifth-straight loss, 27-20 to Maryland. "As a quarterback, scoring points is your job. That's how you stay around. If you don't produce, the offense doesn't produce, somebody else goes in. End of story."

Sims, the transfer from Alabama who replaced Michael Rocco as the starter, had a miserable day against the Terrapins, completing just 13 of 28 passes for 139 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.



Tough Losses

- Virginia gained 625 yards on Sept. 29 against Louisiana Tech, which had 385 yards and defeated the Cavaliers 44-38
- The Cavaliers had 461 yards to Duke's 394 two weeks ago, but the Blue Devils won 42-17.
- Virginia also outgained Maryland 386 to 235 but lost again last Saturday, 27-20. (AP)

He was replaced by Rocco in the final quarter, and Rocco led a touchdown drive, then threw four consecutive incompletions when the Cavaliers got the ball near midfield with just under two minutes left.

Sims will remain the starter, London said. The coach also expressed his support for offensive coordinator Bill Lazor, whose conservative play calling against Maryland was booed by fans.

"I know that the plays that are called are called to be successful," London said. "I think that Bill, on a couple of occasions, if he could, maybe he would do it over again. But these guys go into the game with the best plans available, best options, best opportunities."

HANK KURZ JR. (AP)

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By Rudi Greenberg

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In fact, just this past weekend, Fey and Poehler auctioned off a night of their friendship for Comedy Central's "Night of Too Many Stars" fundraiser (airing Sunday at 8 p.m.) to two women for \$36,000 each. Totally worth it!

Fey and Poehler will make the Globes a must-see event, but that may not translate into strong ratings. After all, they each star in critically acclaimed yet low-rated NBC sitcoms.

Maybe Fey, Poehler and NBC are playing the long game. With "30 Rock" in its final season and the future of "Parks and Recreation" up in the air, this could be the first step to the BFFs making another TV show together.

If a night with Fey and Poehler is worth \$72,000, one night a week of the two together again would be priceless.



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An Ode to 'Ethel'

A Kennedy daughter digs into the family vault of memories

Television

Members of the Kennedy family will talk plenty when and if the politics align or the topic is just. In exchange for listening to Kennedys talk about the environment, poverty, Special Olympians, mental illness or the legacies of their departed uncles and fathers, you might — might — be able to coax something vaguely personal from them. Soon enough, they wise up, smile broadly with those teeth, thank you so much for coming and move along. That is how you keep people curious about you for more than half a century. That also keeps you safe.

Take Ethel Skakel Kennedy, 84, who was married to Robert F. Kennedy for 18 years and has been keeping his work and memory alive for an additional 44 and counting since his death. Ethel hasn't granted an interview of any length or depth in more than two decades.

Yet her youngest daughter, Rory, 43 — who has made plenty of notable award-winning and Oscar-nominated documentaries — has finally made the movie many thought she would never make. The one about her family.

"Ethel," premiering on HBO at 9 p.m. Thursday, perhaps isn't what fervent students of the Kennedy mystique may have hoped for. People who think the Kennedy cake has been overfrosted surely won't



Robert F. Kennedy, left, and Ethel Kennedy, right, are pictured during the 1968 Oregon primary.

BRET HARTMAN/FTW



Ethel Kennedy, left, with her filmmaker daughter, Rory, who directed "Ethel."

"You were pregnant for 99 months of your life," Rory, the couple's 11th child, marvels, as she gently interrogates her mother.

"That's the first time I've heard it" put that way, Ethel says.

The old Kennedy home movies, used richly here, are as hypnotically alluring and golden as ever. "Ethel" is free of historians, reporters and confidants who provide insights (and sometimes clutter) in most biographical documentaries. But at several points in the film, a viewer can sense the difficulties Rory was up against. She has brought a camera inside the family circle, and not just to film a touch football game.

"Ethel" takes a delicate approach to much of its trickiest territory. President John F. Kennedy's assassination in November 1963 doesn't come until 54 minutes in, an event, Ethel says, unleashed "a tidal wave of grief."

RFK's assassination in June 1968 (before Rory was born) comes in the film's final act, and only then does a viewer begin to wonder whether "Ethel" is still too focused on him and not her. When Rory says, "And then we lost Daddy," Ethel pauses, then smiles tightly.

"Let's talk about something else."

HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"It's the hardest movie I've ever made. It's not my comfort zone."

— RORY KENNEDY, DIRECTOR OF "ETHEL," AN HBO DOCUMENTARY ABOUT HER MOTHER, ETHEL KENNEDY, AND THE REST OF THE KENNEDY CLAN

fall for it, even though the film is undeniably moving. No one in the film tells all, certainly not Ethel.

In the first few minutes of the film, Rory leads her mother to a chair in a well-lit sitting room in Hyannis Port, Mass. "Why should I have to answer all these questions?" Ethel wants to know.

"Well, we're making a documentary about you," Rory says.

"Such a bad idea," Ethel says with a grimace.

Kennedys don't cry, and they definitely don't divulge.

"Ethel" is a daughter's ode to her mother, and for that alone, it works beautifully. It's also a love story.



Put a Super Bowl Ring on It: All the single ladies will be watching the upcoming Super Bowl along with football lovers. That's because Beyoncé is the halftime show performer. A source familiar with the Super Bowl told AP that the Grammy-winning diva will take the stage at the halftime show Feb. 3 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. Beyoncé confirmed the news Tuesday afternoon with a post on her website. (AP)

lookout entertainment

Pop's Everyman

Singer Jason Aldean is a little bit country, rock and even hip-hop

Album Review

For any pop fan who might be having trouble telling their Man-ful Country Himbos apart: Jason Aldean is the one who raps.

On last year's behemoth hit "Dirt Road Anthem," he showed off a pretty decent flow. On his new album, "Night Train," Nashville's most polite outlaw tackles the hip-hop/country track "1994" with even greater furniture-chewing zeal; "1994" is a blissfully weird ode to then-country-star Joe Diffie, and Aldean's fealty to his musical elder takes any potential sting out of his urban border crossing.

The rest of "Night Train" is made with equal, constituency-tending care, a selection of well-chosen songs (Aldean doesn't write his material) done extravagantly well. "Night Train" trawls the shallow reaches of country, hip-hop, rock and



Jason Aldean, who raps on his new album "Night Train," doesn't write his own songs.



Night Train

Jason Aldean

pop, takes a leisurely drive down the New Jersey Turnpike in search of stray Springsteen and Bon Jovi riffs, and comes up with something entirely ... the same, only better.

Aldean's music is often bare-

ly distinguishable from that of peers such as Luke Bryan and Eric Church, but because he's more famous than they are, all the best clichés were saved for him.

The only misstep: "Wheels Rollin'," a road anthem with a thematic resemblance to Bob Seger's "Turn the Page," is so pronounced that it feels less like an homage and more like karaoke. ALLISON STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Literary Depths: Johnny Depp will help run a publishing imprint with the same name as his production company, Infinitum Nihil, meaning "Nothing is forever." Already on the list of books is "The Unraveled Tales of Bob Dylan," about the singer's enigmatic life. The imprint is part of HarperCollins, which says Depp will seek "authentic, outspoken and visionary ideas and voices." (AP)

Music a Mother Would Adore

Martha Wainwright pays tribute to her 'Mama' on a new CD

Album Review

Twenty-twelve is the year of the Wainwrights.

First, Loudon Wainwright III released the gleefully morbid "Older Than My Old Man Now." Then, son Rufus Wainwright gave us the



Come Home to Mama

Martha Wainwright



Martha Wainwright, above, is daughter to the late folk singer Kate McGarrigle.

smooth, poppy, Mark Ronson-produced "Out of the Game." Now, little sister Martha Wainwright delivers a top-notch album with her third CD.

On "Come Home to Mama," Wainwright acknowledges there were two main sources of inspiration for her album: becoming a mother and becoming motherless.

The album gets its title from the song "Proserpina," a track written by her mother, folk singer Kate McGarrigle. It was the last song McGarrigle wrote before she died in 2010. Her daughter's version uses simple piano chords and

strings, and its simplicity keeps the focus on the song's touching lyrics and Wainwright's soft vocal range.

Another highlight is "All Your Clothes," a beautiful open letter from Wainwright to her mother with lyrics like: "The baby is doing fine, my marriage is failing, but I keep trying." Honesty like that makes "Come Home to Mama" a must-listen. SIAN WATSON (AP)

● **Jammin' Java**, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna; Nov. 21., 7 p.m., \$15; 703-255-1566.

Today's Top Stops

COMPILED BY FIONA ZUBLIN



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1 Just Beachy

Baltimore has given us many treasures, including "The Wire," drag queen Divine and aunts who call everyone "hon." Indie band Beach House crept onto that list in 2006 with its self-titled debut disc. Duo Victoria Legrand, shown, and Alex Scally make dreamy dream-pop that's all slide guitar by Scally and crooning by Legrand. **9:30 Club**, 815 V St. NW; Wed., 7 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U Street)

2 A History Of Ireland

We were going to call playwright Tom Murphy the Irish Eugene O'Neill for his depressing-yet-majestic works, but then we remembered that O'Neill's family was Irish. Ireland's Druid Theatre Company is back with *DruidMurphy*, a cycle of three plays that together tell the history of Ireland from famine to present day. **Kennedy Center**, 2700 F St. NW; through Oct. 20, \$35-\$65; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)

3 Gospel Queen

Mavis Staples' voice never shows its age. At 73, she's still singing songs she sang as a teenager in the Staple Singers. Staples got a career resurgence in 2010, when Wilco's Jeff Tweedy produced her album "You Are Not Alone," and she's been touring consistently since. **The Hamilton**, 600 14th St. NW; Wed., 7:30 p.m., \$52-\$62; 202-787-1000, Thehamiltondc.com. (Metro Center)



TV tonight **lookout**

Fear Has a New Name

FX's 'American Horror Story' revamps for the 'Asylum' season

Fall Premieres

FX 10:00 Lock the door and turn out the lights. Halloween is coming, and "American Horror Story," now subtitled "Asylum," is back. Last season's most audaciously frightening series returns in a whole new setting, with some members of the cast now in entirely different roles.

The story moves from last season's haunted Hollywood mansion to 1964 and a doomed mental asylum called Briarcliff Manor. Jessica Lange returns, and this time, she's domineering nun Sister Jude. Sarah Paulson portrays a reporter out to



Sarah Paulson plays a reporter in the new "American Horror Story: Asylum."

investigate the incarceration of an alleged serial killer (Evan Peters) in the grim institution.

Like too many horror films, the premiere episode wastes time with ludicrous scenes of frisky, erotic coupling during its first 15 minutes, as if to teach us what we already know from the genre — that sex is a crime punishable by death, or worse. This point is later reaffirmed when Sister Jude is seen shaving the head of an incarcerated nymphomaniac, played by Chloe Sevigny with her trademark defiance. James Cromwell, Lily Rabe, Joseph Fiennes and Zachary Quinto also star.

Unlike most dramas, things come at you with startling frequency on "AHS: Asylum." Some may find this roller coaster ride tasteless and perverse. But it's never dull.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

NBC 9:00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Kathryn Erbe reprises her role as Alexandra Eames from the late "Law & Order: Criminal Intent." Now a lieutenant, she shuts down the SVU detectives' investigation of a huge sex-trafficking operation just as they're about to crack the case, forcing Benson to think outside the box.

ABC 9:31 **Suburgatory** Wilmer Valderrama is slated to appear this season as Dal-las' (Cheryl Hines, left) former beau, new-age guru Yoni, who sees his opportunity to win her back from George (Jeremy Sisto) when she summons him to help her funky-out pooch Yakult.

HIST 10:00 **Cajun Pawn Stars** A chair made out of cattle horns? Better watch how you sit. The unique piece of furniture comes into the shop courtesy of Gerard, one of the regulars. Jimmie and the family also check out a 12-foot totem pole and a hunting rifle that may have belonged to George Washington.

PBS 10:00 **Nova scienceNOW** Host David Pogue, left, meets scientists pushing the limits of technology not only to solve horrific murders but also to try to prevent crimes, with techniques including unraveling the clues embedded in a decomposing corpse and detecting lies by peering directly into a suspect's brain. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Reality



When Life Imitates Lifetime Movies

Lifetime launches "My Life Is a Lifetime Movie" (10 p.m.), consisting of interviews and dramatic re-creations of women's real-life stories that come close to the improbable danger and mortification found in such classics as "Mother, May I Sleep With Danger?" and "The Pregnancy Pact." Those profiled include Kristin Davis, above, linked to the scandal that drove New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer from office, and Hailey Glassman, whose life became tabloid fodder after dating Jon Gosselin. (UU)



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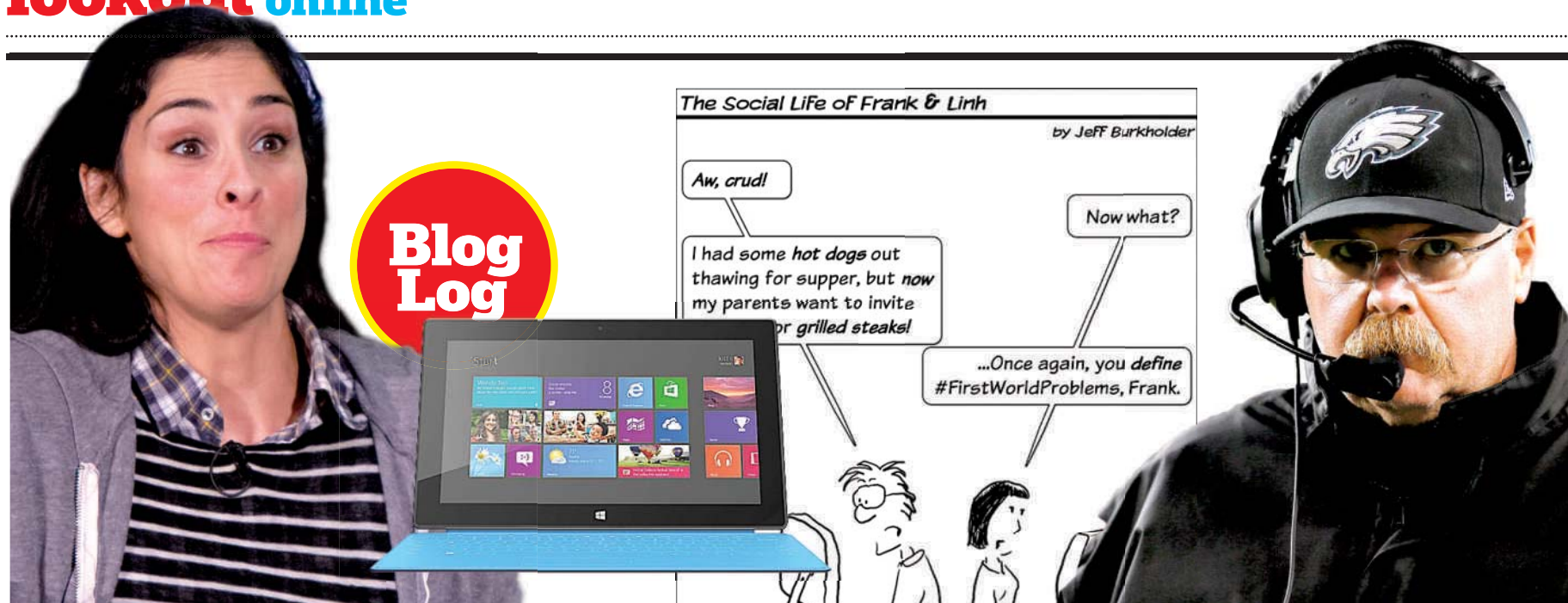
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“Is it too early to name Donald Silverman dad of the year?”

— **CAROL HARTSELL AT HUFFINGTONPOST.COM** loved comedian Sarah Silverman’s father’s reaction to Rabbi Yaakov Rosenblatt, who criticized her for not pursuing a traditional lifestyle in a letter at JewishPress.com. Donald fired back in the comments section, saying, among other things: “Hey [expletive]: Daughter #1 is a rabbi. ... Her hubby, three times nominated for a nobel peace prize was listed by the Jerusalem Post as the 49th most influential jew in the world built the worlds largest solar field in israel. By the way, Sarah was also on the list. I missed your name. Oldest granddaughter is serving in the Israel Defense Forces. I’m sure you also served. Oh, I forgot the orthodox don’t do that.”

“Take off your geek hat and stop thinking about technical specifications and preloaded software. Instead, think like the average consumer whom Microsoft is trying to reach with its Surface ad campaigns and consider how you’d react when trying to choose between two high-end \$500 tablets.”

— **BRAD REED AT BGR.COM** can’t understand why Microsoft is pricing its new tablet at the same level of Apple’s iPad.

“This morning when I got up I had a few cups of coffee and grabbed something to eat out of the fridge. It wasn’t a big deal. I knew there would be something there. For lunch I’ll probably make a sandwich, and then have a bigger meal for dinner. In between I’ll snack on whatever I find in the kitchen. No big deal. I get hungry, I eat. I get bored, I eat.”

— On World Hunger Day on Tuesday, **KEN MUELLER AT INKLINGMEDIA.NET** points out how easy it is for people in some societies to forget that every day, 1 out of every 7 people in the world goes hungry.

“Kids these days! Where once high school pranks required only shaving cream, a feather, and a drowsy friend, today’s practical jokers prefer to pretend that they’ve been blinded by a chemical spill.”

— **WILL SOMMER AT WASHINGTONCITYPAPER.COM/BLOGS/CITYDESK** thought a practical joke that kids at St. John’s College High School played Tuesday was pretty elaborate. The hoax “triggered a large response from D.C. Fire and EMS crews,” according to WAMU.

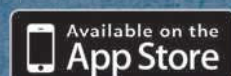
“Does this mean Andy Reid will coach the Browns next season? Because that would be like watching a hospital burn.”

— **@DREWMAGARY** reacts after it was announced that Browns president Mike Holmgren is stepping down at the end of the NFL season.



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Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may receive instructions today that are more difficult to wade through than the task you have been assigned. Be patient!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have set your sights very high, and you can reach your goal if you combine ambition with a realistic sense of what is possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Loved ones are likely to play an important role in your affairs, even indirectly and from a distance. They are ever-present!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can avoid a major conflict with a competitor by disclosing your plans in a straightforward way — but not all tension is unavoidable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are waiting for a clear sign from someone before you swing into action. What you have planned can take many by storm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Work closely with others today to document the facts and figures that will impact your work. A direct correlation will be apparent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may not be able to determine how the day will end, but you can apply yourself fully and await the outcome patiently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may find yourself in need of a little more support today — either emotionally or psychologically. You're not feeling up to snuff.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A conflict others have created needn't affect you directly today. You can go about your business as if nothing at all is wrong.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others are expecting you to back down, but you'll have the opportunity to stand up and reaffirm your position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to find yourself before a surprisingly large and appreciative audience. You know just what to say — and when to say it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not be able to persuade others that you are in the right — but your behavior may sway them in a more organic fashion.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 224

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1st Letter Triple

RACK 1

Double Word Score

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

S ₁	P ₃	A ₁	R ₁	K ₅	L ₁	E ₁	RACK 1 =	63
T ₁	Y ₄	R ₁	A ₁	N ₁	N ₁	Y ₄	RACK 2 =	89
S ₁	E ₁	P ₃	T ₁	E ₁	T ₁		RACK 3 =	8
C ₃	O ₁	R ₁	R ₁	U ₁	P ₃	T ₁	RACK 4 =	62
PAR SCORE 145-155								TOTAL 222

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Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

8	5	2	3	6	4	1	7	9
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7	1	9	5	3	8	6	4	2
3	8	5	6	4	2	9	1	7
6	2	4	9	1	7	8	3	5
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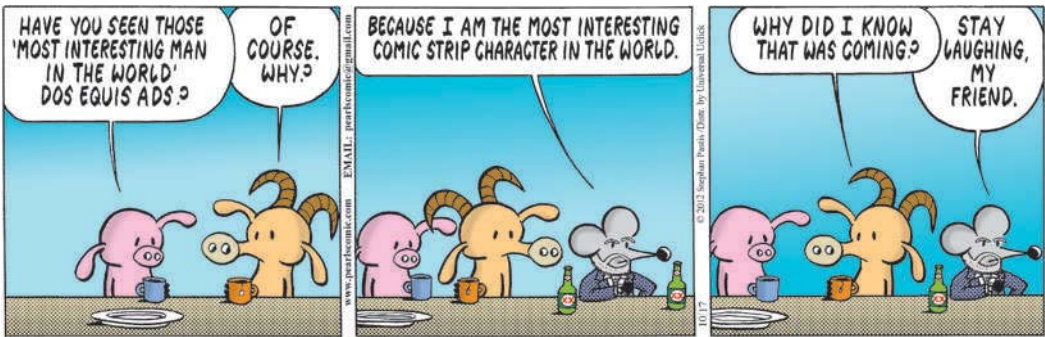
Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

72 | **52**

Today: Sunny to partly cloudy today. Mainly clear tonight.

73 | **56**

Tomorrow: Some sun tomorrow. A couple of showers possible tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI

70 | **51**

SAT

65 | **52**

SUN

71 | **53**

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Sunrise today: 7:20 a.m.	Normal high: 68
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Crossword

MAKING CONCESSIONS

ACROSS

- 1 Water container before indoor plumbing
5 Capital of Italy, to Italians
9 More than want
14 Record
15 Burden or responsibility
16 Bow application
17 Stadium snacks
19 Vaulted church recesses
20 A little force?
21 Feudal flunky
23 Vocalist DiFranco
24 Night before
26 One in a stroller
28 Jewel mounting
30 Bess' follower in the White House
32 Kick out
34 ____ Bator (Mongolia's capital)
35 Bees' weapons
37 Little handful
39 Stadium snacks
42 Be on the side of caution?
43 White wine grape
46 Not fully closed
49 "Meet Me ____ Louis"
51 Bashful buddy
52 Sour cherry
54 Pay a visit to
56 Stitcher's edge
57 Tire gauge reading (Abbr.)
58 Redgrave or Swann
60 Kind of tropical palm
62 Helmsley who had hotels
64 Stadium snacks
68 ____ salts (bath water additive)
69 Shivering fit
70 Far from fictitious
71 Sitcom starring Valerie Harper
72 Pressure unit
73 Stream swirl

DOWN

- 1 List abbr.
2 Crybaby's sound
3 Widespread outbreak
4 Depend (on)

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
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62				63			64		65				66	67
68							69					70		
71							72					73		

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- 5 Event with ropers and riders
6 Inspiration for Lennon's "Woman"
7 Makes faces
8 Determine the value of property
9 Carpentry or bookbinding, e.g.
10 Sales ____ (company agent)
11 Verbally assault
12 Capital on the Danube
13 Naval rank
18 Prime candidate?
22 Hang it up, so to speak
24 Modern ends?
25 Huge wine container
27 High, rocky hills
29 Elvis' birthplace

- 31 "Psst!" follower, sometimes
33 Selfish folks
36 Mysteriously
38 Improper distribution of cards
40 Goes on like a glove
41 Drew from a tank, as gas
44 Maiden-name word
45 Place for barbells and treadmills
46 More spacious
47 Mary's husband
48 Melodious composition
50 Dieter's request
53 Guanaco's kin
55 Chlorophyll or oil of wintergreen
59 Cape Canaveral cancellation

- 61 "An Inconvenient Truth" creator
63 Bobblehead movement
65 "... ____ flag was still ..."
66 Go aimlessly
67 Like some grins

Yesterday's Solution


P	O	P	P	Y	P	A	S	S	E	B	I
A	T	R	I	A	A	S	P	E	R	I	O
S	T	O	P	W	O	R	K	I	N	G	L
M	E	N	U	E	R	O	S	B	R	A	
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Today in History

1931 Mobster Al Capone is convicted of income tax evasion. (He was later sentenced to 11 years in prison.)

1933 Albert Einstein arrives in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

1989 An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale strikes northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion worth of damage.

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'I Did It, But I Don't Feel Guilty, So ... Not Guilty'

Amanda Bynes has pleaded not guilty to two counts of driving on a suspended license. Bynes' attorney entered the pleas Monday. The 26-year-old's car was impounded in September. The incident came after Bynes was charged in separate driving under the influence and hit-and-run cases. She has pleaded not guilty in those cases. (AP)

NEW BUSINESS
Finally, Somebody's Getting Ahead Solely on Talent

Kendall and Kylie Jenner, the younger sisters of Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian, are launching their own clothing line, according to People. They plan to debut the collection, which includes clothes and accessories for teens and tweens, next spring. The sisters, who also design jewelry and model, say they are doing this because they "love fashion." (EXPRESS)



"Our clothes are going to be way shinier than these rags!" Kendall snickers.

Victims



We All Know She Can't Be Trusted With More Eggs

Unidentified vandals egged the California home of Nadya Suleman, also known as the Octomom, and her 14 children. TMZ reports that Suleman was on a trip to New York City when the egging occurred Friday night. By the time she discovered the damage Saturday, the eggs had attracted ants. (EXPRESS)



CELEBRITY FEUDS

Tackling Tough Issues

When asked to give an opinion on the ongoing feud between "American Idol" judges Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey, President Barack Obama said, "I think they are going to be able to sort it out, I am confident." Speaking on "The Yo! Show" with DJ Michael Yo, Obama said Carey is a "wonderful lady," and while he doesn't know Minaj, he said he has her music on his iPod. "I think both outstanding artists are going to be able to make sure that they're moving forward and not going backwards," Obama said. Minaj and Carey got into an argument earlier this month. (EXPRESS)



FAMILY TIES
Berry Suddenly Has Urge To Go Huntin' and Fishin'

Halle Berry is related to former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, the actress revealed in an interview with Extra. Sitting beside her "Cloud Atlas" co-star Tom Hanks, Berry said she was sent information that Palin is a very distant relative, but she didn't clarify the exact genealogy. Hanks, interestingly enough, says he is distantly related to Abraham Lincoln. (EXPRESS)

"I am probably one of the rare few who de-age."



— KATE GOSSELIN, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ANDY COHEN ON "WATCH WHAT HAPPENS LIVE." GOSSELIN HAS ADMITTED TO HAVING PLASTIC SURGERY IN THE PAST.

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